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Examiner Alam ....

After reading the current submission, may we have a discussion at your convenience? My phone number is 408-757-5862

Thank you for your assistance.

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Art Unit: 2157

Title: File Based Workflow System and Methods

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Action is Final

Claims 21-27 are allowed

Claims 28-40 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by Ghoneimy et al U.S. Publication 20040078373.

Examiner Alam

May we speak by phone? I would like to discuss the differences between the present invention and Ghoneimy to allow Claims 28-40. Since claims 21-27 are allowed there may be room for discussion.

Please call me at your convenience at 408-757-5862.

Respectfully submitted,

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Basis of Discussion

Ghoneimy teaches an "activity node assigned one or more forms to allow user access to the attributes to the containing process. An activity may be assigned one of more files as an attachment. "[0072]

Ghoneimy does not teach defining classifications of workflow user accessible files nor attachment or downloading of files based on the classification of files using a workflow. Ghoneimy does not teach the classification of a file for

attachment or download nor providing a workflow step which specifies a file of a designated file classification to be attached or downloaded by a workflow user as claimed by the present invention.

The present invention provides:

Claim 28.

means to access a route, a sequence of steps where each step provides a user address in the computer network, **a file classification, and a file upload or download indicator;**

means to access a file storage system to store or retrieve a file;

means for directing a step to the user address in the step and, based on the file upload or download indicator, provide the user **means to upload or download a file with the file classification** by accessing the file system;

Claim 38

a sequence of route steps where each route step provides a user address in the computer network, **a file classification, and a file upload or download indicator; and further capable of accessing a file storage system to store or retrieve a file for upload or download;**

Ghoneimy does not provide for an activity node (route step):

a file classification

an upload / down load indicator

means to upload or download a file with the file classification

The present invention differs significantly from Ghoneimy et al U.S. Publication 20040078373